

Summary of the Minutes
April 7, 2014
City of Binghamton Planning Commission
City Council Chambers, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Corcoran, Berling, Bowers, Chanecka, O'Loughlin, Pompei, Z. Staff

Absent: 1

Vacant: 1

Staff Present: T. Costello, T. Martinez, L. McCullen, B. Seachrist

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the Summary of the Minutes from the March 3, 2014 regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

Moved by Pompei, seconded by O'Loughlin

Motion carried (6-0-1)

Corcoran, Berling, Bowers, O'Loughlin, Pompei, Z. Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Emilio

Abstained: Chanecka

PUBLIC HEARINGS

58 COURT STREET (2014-08)

Cheryl Sacco and Yaron Kweller, representing 58 Court Street LLC, appeared to provide information on the proposed project to convert a 5-bedroom dwelling unit to a 10-bedroom dwelling unit in a mixed-use building.

Chair Corcoran opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor of, or in opposition to, the proposal. No letters were received in favor of or in opposition to the proposal.

Motion to approve a Department of Environmental Conservation State Environment Quality Review Act Negative Declaration in conjunction with the requested review.

Moved by Z. Staff, seconded by Pompei

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Corcoran, Berling, Bowers, Chanecka, O'Loughlin, Pompei, Z. Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Emilio

Recused: None

Motion to approve the site plan and grant the Special Use Permit

Moved by Z. Staff, seconded by O'Loughlin

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Corcoran, Berling, Bowers, Chanecka, O'Loughlin, Pompei, Z. Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Emilio

Recused: None

172-178 STATE STREET (2014-04)

Richard Lewis appeared to provide information on the proposed project to convert a commercial and industrial building into multi-unit residential with ground floor commercial.

Chairman Corcoran opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor of the proposal. Michael Grazzo, Thomas Fitchette and Gregory Collins spoke in opposition to the proposal. No letters were received in favor of or in opposition to the proposal.

Mr. Lewis requested that a straw vote be taken to determine how Commission members would vote after the completion of the SEQR process.

Vote results (4-2-1)

Ayes: Corcoran, O'Loughlin, Pompei, Z. Staff

Nays: Berling, Bowers

Abstained: Chanecka

Motion to table the public hearing indefinitely until the Phase 2 testing is done.

Moved by O'Loughlin, seconded by Z. Staff

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Corcoran, Berling, Bowers, Chanecka, O'Loughlin, Pompei, Z. Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Emilio
Recused: None

OTHER BUSINESS

PARK OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OF NY

Paul Savka, Sal Salameda and Hugh Leonard appeared to provide information regarding a proposal to erect a 75-foot tall off-premise advertising sign primarily visible from I-81 on 117 N Griswold Street.

Motion to recommend approval of the proposal by Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. subject to the following conditions:

-That the applicant, to offset the impact of the proposed signage, remove off-site advertising at the Front Street gateway to the City.

Moved by Z. Staff, seconded by Pompei

Motion fails (4-3-0)

Ayes: Bowers, Chanecka, Pompei, Z. Staff

Nays: Corcoran, Berling, O'Loughlin

Absent: Emilio

Recused: None

Motion to recommend denial of the proposal by Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc., with the recommendation that if Council should choose to approve the proposal, that approval be subject to the following conditions:

-That the applicant, to offset the impact of the proposed signage, remove off-site advertising at the Front Street gateway to the City.

Moved by O'Loughlin, seconded by Berling

Motion fails (3-4-0)

Ayes: Corcoran, Berling, O'Loughlin

Nays: Bowers, Chanecka, Pompei, Z. Staff

Absent: Emilio

Recused: None

The Commission agreed to send letter to City Council stating that there was no decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by O'Loughlin seconded by Z. Staff

Voice vote; none opposed.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.